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SUBJECT: QUAI VIEWS ON GERMAN DEVELOPMENTS

1. SUMMARY. IN TALKS WITH EMBOFFS APRIL 3, QUAI OFFICERS TOOK POSITION THAT DESPITE DIFFICULTIES AND DELAYS ON GDR SIDE, OPENING OF FRENCH EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN HAD GONE ABOUT AS EXPECTED, THOUGH FRENCH POSITION ON GDR ENTRY INTO WMO FULLY COMPATIBLE WITH THAT OF US, PREDICTED BREZHNEV WOULD VISIT FRG IMMEDIATELY AFTER BUNDESTAG RATIFICATION OF FRG- GDR BASIC TREATY, AND INDICATED FRENCH REMAIN OPEN- MINDED AND FLEXIBLE IN SUGGESTING REVIEW OF LIVE OAK CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR BERLIN ACCESS. END SUMMARY.

2. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR CENTRAL EUROPE BOYER TOLD EMBOFF THAT FRENCH CHARGE EAST BERLIN, JESSEL, WOULD RETURN TO PARIS THIS WEEK FOR CONSULTATIONS ON PROBLEMS RELATED TO OPENING OF FRENCH EMBASSY, GDR (BERLIN 475). RECALLING GDR DELAYS IN MAKING AVAILABLE FACILITIES WHICH HAD BEEN PROMISED FRENCH
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FOR MARCH 15, EMBOFF ASKED HOW QUAI VIEWED DEVELOPMENT OF FRENCH- GDR RELATIONS AT THIS POINT. BOYER SAID THAT WHILE EAST GERMANY DID NOT MAKE AVAILABLE PROMISED FRENCH OFFICE FACILITIES UNTIL MARCH 19, QUAI DID NOT REGARD THIS SLIPPAGE AS PARTICULARLY SERIOUS. BOYER ALSO RECALLED EAST GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE PROTEST OVER JESSEL' S ACCREDITATION AS CHARGE " TO" (" AUPRES DE"), RATHER THAN " IN", GDR (BERLIN 489), REAFFIRMED FRENCH DETERMINATION TO STICK TO THIS FORMULA AND DOWNPLAYED THIS PROBLEM AS WELL. ASKED IF QUAI THUS SATISFIED WITH UNFOLDING RELATIONS WITH GDR, BOYER SAID GOF " SEES NO REASON TO BE EITHER ' SATISFIED ' OR UNHAPPY." HE THOUGHT OPENING OF FRENCH EMBASSY HAD GONE ABOUT AS QUAI HAD EXPECTED.

3. ASKED HOW FRENCH WOULD HANDLE QUESTION OF GDR ENTRY INTO WMO, BOYER SAID FRENCH EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO COORDINATE CLOSELY WITH DEPARTMENT. HE UNDERSTOOD FRENCH AND US POSITIONS WERE NOW IDENTICAL AND ANTICIPATED NO DIFFICULTIES ON THE MATTER.

4. NOTING PRESS REPORTS FROM BONN INDICATING BREZHNEV VISIT TO FRG WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE MAY 12 TO 17, BOYER SAID FRENCH BELIEVE TIMING OF VISIT WAS DETERMINED BY EXPECTATION OF BOTH BONN AND MOSCOW THAT BUNDESTAG RATIFICATION OF FRG- GDR BASIC TREATY WILL HAVE OCCURRED BY THEN -- THUS PROVIDING MOST PROPITIOUS ATMOSPHERE FOR BREZHNEV' S ARRIVAL.

5. EMBOFF ALSO MADE LOW- KEY INQUIRY ABOUT FRENCH MOTIVES BEHIND RECENT PROPOSAL OF BONN GROUP REP LUSTIG THAT LIVE OAK CONTINGENCY PLANS BE REVIEWED AGAINST QA AND QD (BERLIN 571). BOYER SAID THAT IN SUGGESTING SUCH REVIEW, FRENCH SIMPLY WISHED TO DRAW ALLIES' ATTENTION TO FACT THAT EXISTING CONTINGENCY ARRANGEMENTS NEED TO BE STUDIED AND BROUGHT UP TO DATE TO MESH WITH NEW ACCORDS RELATING TO BERLIN. RE CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM IN EVENT OF CRISIS CONCERNING ACCESS, BOYER THOUGHT QA MADE IT CLEAR THAT FOUR AMBASSADORS WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT AND THIS SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN CONTINGENCY PLANS. FRENCH FULLY " OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS" OF ALLIES ON HOW TO CARRY OUT REVIEW AND " SEE NO NEED TO RUSH."

6. QUAI DIRECTOR PACTS AND DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS TOLD EMBOFF GOF BELIEVES LIVE OAK PLAYS AN IMPORTANT PSYCHOLOGICAL ROLE IN MAINTAINING STABILITY IN AND AROUND BERLIN. ACCORDINGLY,
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WHILE FRENCH BELIEVE MANNER IN WHICH LIVE OAK MIGHT RESPOND

TO VARIOUS CONTINGENCIES SHOULD BE REVIEWED IN LIGHT OF QA
AND QD, FRENCH WISH TO MAINTAIN LIVE OAK STRUCTURE. FRENCH,
HE CONCLUDED, HAVE NO PRECONCEIVED IDEAS RE ANY CHANGES IN
LIVE OAK OPERATION.
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